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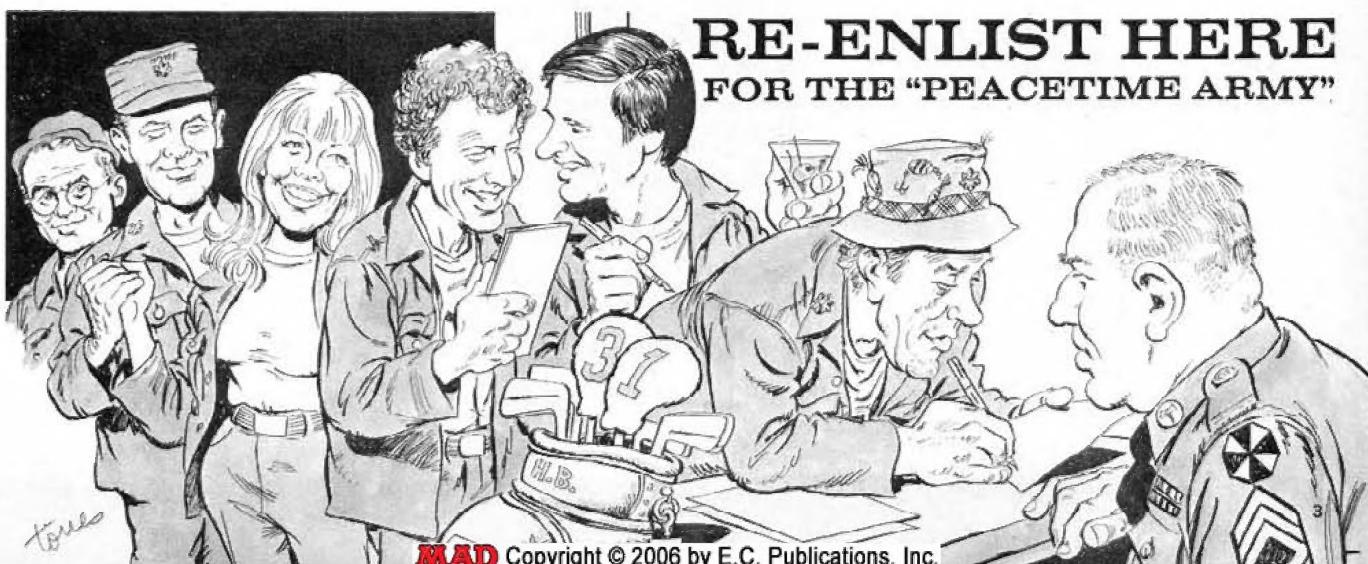
If you're like most people, you spend more time with your television set than with your family. You get to know the characters in each TV series intimately . . . worry about their problems . . . suffer their defeats . . . share their triumphs . . . and then, suddenly, without warning, these TV friends are gone forever! The Network has cancelled the show, leaving you with so many unanswered questions: Did Eddie's Father, or Lucy, or Flipper, or any of the other countless TV widows and widowers ever get married? Did Gilligan ever get off his island? Did Mr. Spock ever get an ear job? We think this practice of leaving the viewer hanging is extremely unfair. Movies have endings, so why can't a TV series have a climactic final episode in which all the loose ends are tied up? Something like these . . .



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M*A*S*H



COLUMBO

Columbo,
I've
got
some
good
news ...

That's terrific, Captain! I mean, I could use some good news! I was just saying to my Wife this morning, "There's nothing but bad news these days!" I mean look in the papers! It's terrible! Last time I had any good news was when my Wife won fifteen dollars at Bingo!

Columbo! I'm trying to tell you ... The Commissioner wants you to take an Early Retirement!

I always retire early! After I watch the 7 o'clock news, I conk out! I used to stay up and watch the 10 o'clock news, but you know something, Captain ...? I mean, you're gonna find this hard to believe, but they have the same news at 10 that they have at 7! You'd think something would happen in three hours!

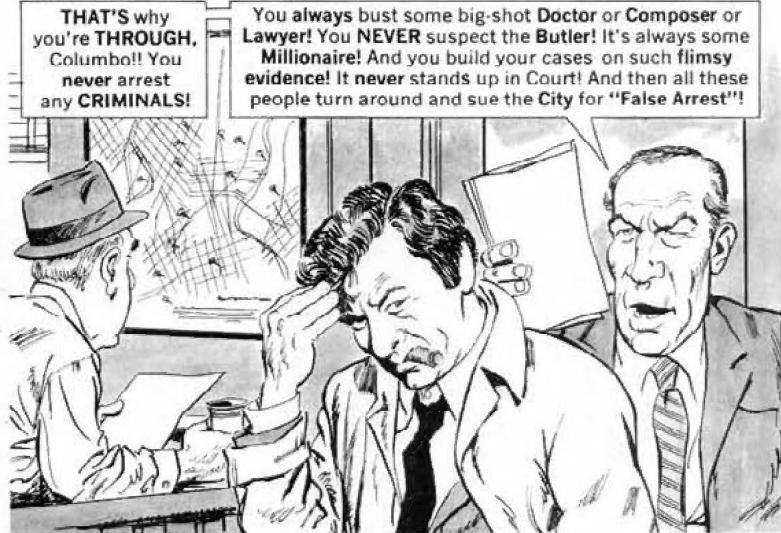


Columbo, I don't care what time you go to bed! The Commissioner doesn't care what time you go to bed! We're talking about YOU ... retiring from the FORCE ... effective immediately!

But, why?
I've got a
fantastic
ARREST
RECORD!

THAT'S why
you're THROUGH,
Columbo! You
never arrest
any CRIMINALS!

You always bust some big-shot Doctor or Composer or Lawyer! You NEVER suspect the Butler! It's always some Millionaire! And you build your cases on such flimsy evidence! It never stands up in Court! And then all these people turn around and sue the City for "False Arrest"!!



You're home
early! Or
maybe you
didn't even
leave yet!
With you,
it's hard
to tell ... !

Hey, you wanna hear
something terrific?
I'm RETIRED! On
FULL PENSION! Now
I can stay home
with you, instead
of chasing Crooks!

Y-you're gonna
be HOME ... ?!
Every day ... ?!
All day long?!?
In this house?!
Wearing that
coat ... and
TALKING??!

I did it
... and
I'm glad!

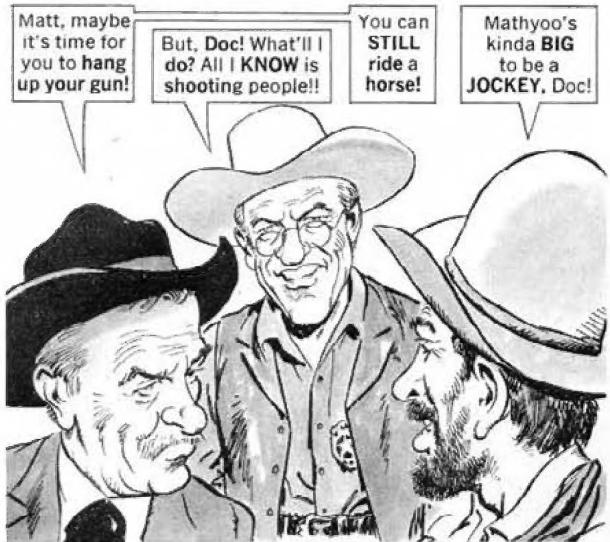
Who could
blame you,
Ma'am?

Don't worry, Mrs. Columbo!
No jury on earth will
ever convict you!

Yeah! They'll
probably give
you a medal!



GUNSMOKE



KUNG FU



I don't know how to thank you! Where in the world did you learn to fight like that . . . ?!

In the distant Seminary where I studied for the Priesthood, we learned many things!

They never taught us that at St. Aloysius! All we ever learned to do was pray!



You have snatched the pebble from my hand, Grasshopper!

That means it is time for you to go and find the truth!

How will I know when I have found the truth?

When you no longer seek it . . . then you have found it!

I must go now! I must continue my search for the truth!

But why not stay HERE and look for it! You could open a LAUNDRY!

Or you could TEACH! The people here would pay well to learn from you!

They want to learn Oriental Philosophy?

No, they want to beat up on people the way you do!

I have decided to stay! Maybe I will find the truth here! Besides, my feet hurt from all that walking!



I came to see why you stopped in your quest for the truth!

I stopped because I was tired of sleeping in the woods and being cold and hungry and abused by people! Now, I have a chain of Kung Fu Schools . . . a big mansion with a swimming pool . . . and a private rickshaw!

Wealth does not always bring one contentment! A poor man can sometimes be as content as a rich man!

But the odds are against it!

Good-bye, Master! I realize now that I have been stupid, listening to your idiotic advice all these years!

Good-bye, Grasshopper! You have finally found the TRUTH!!



ALL IN THE FAMILY

